GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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INFRASTRUCTURE AT NON-METRO AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) Wether international passenger traffic has grown up by an average of 15% during the last one year;

(b) If so, whether the Government proposes to add small towns of the country in the international aviation map;

(c) If so, the number of non-metro airports included in the aviation map for international traffic and number of cities proposed to be added which would have direct national flight in the coming years;

(d) Whether necessary infrastructure has been made available in these non-metro cities; and

(e) If so, the detailed strategy chalked out by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): At the request of State Governments and airline operators, action has already been initiated for improvement and upgradation of infrastructure facilities at Cooch Bihar, Mysore and Akola airports to make them operational for scheduled flights.

(c): Besides Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore and Hyderabad, 18 other cities viz. Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Calicut, Cochin, Coimbatore, Gaya, Goa, Guwahati, Jaipur, Lucknow, Nagpur, Pune, Thiruvanathapuram, Trichy, Varanasi, Mangalore, Srinagar and Patna are linked to international destination. With regard to development of other non-metro airports for international flights, Airports Authority of India initiates action depending upon demand from airline operators.

(d)and (e): Yes Sir. However, improvement and upgradation of infrastructure facility is an on-going process and is taken up depending on demand/capacity basis. In this regard 35 non-metro cities/airports have been identified for upgradation, improvement and modernization of infrastructure facilities to meet the present and future demand. Airports Authority of India would develop the runway, taxiway, navigation, landing aids and CNS/ATM facilities at these airports.